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Replacement of Klumac Road Bridge Prompting Road Closure Tomorrow in Rowan County

WINSTON-SALEM — N.C. Department of Transportation contractors plan to begin replacing the bridge carrying Klumac Road over Town Creek between Jake Alexander Boulevard and Martin Luther King Boulevard, closing a portion of the roadway in Salisbury.

"The Klumac Road Bridge project is part of the department's overall <u>bridge program</u> to improve the condition of the state's bridges," said Division nine Board Member Jake Alexander.

"Governor McCrory improved bridge safety by increasing repair and replacement funding by 58 percent, totaling \$242 million in 2016-2017," said Division nine Engineer Pat Ivey.

Work will begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1. The new bridge should be open by Monday, Oct. 31.

The existing 54-year-old bridge is structurally deficient and functionally obsolete. It is safe, but is in deteriorating condition and needed more constant repairs. It was also built to design standards no longer used, and it doesn't meet the demands of the traffic using it.

Motorists will navigate around the work using a <u>1-mile detour</u> on Jake Alexander Boulevard and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

NCDOT reminds motorists to watch signs for construction information, stay alert and obey the posted speed limit.

For real-time travel information, visit the <u>Traveler Services section</u> of <u>NCDOT.gov</u> or

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Road, bridge, and other transportation improvement projects like this one are currently underway across the state as part of Governor McCrory's <u>25-Year Transportation Vision</u> to enhance travel safety and to better connect North Carolinians to jobs, education, healthcare and recreation opportunities.

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